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Director Anderson,

This letter is in support for summary suspension at 240 Sargent Drive New Haven, Connecticut, club "Terminal 110," based on the recent gun violence jeopardizing public safety. On September 5, 2021 at approximately 0212 hours Officers working "Terminal 110" reported that there were multiple gunshots in front of the club during it's let out. Officers were unable to locate any suspects due to the large crowd but noticed three vehicles within the club parking lot had been struck by gunfire. Officers secured a crime scene and located (3) three 5.7*23mm spent shell casings, (24) twenty-four spent 9mm casings, (1) one live 9mm round, and (2) two bullet fragments within the crime scene. The incident leading up to the incident appears to be related to what transpired prior within the club leading to the shooting outside at let out. There was video evidence recovered from the incident and the investigation remains open. This shooting incident jeopardized all the patrons attending the club, the employees working at the club (two of whom had their unoccupied vehicles struck by gunfire) and the Officers who responded to the scene to assist. This is an extensive number of rounds fired in a populated area that could have led to a mass casualty incident.

On September 23rd, at approximately 0022 hours, Officer D. Dickerson was working an extra duty assignment at "Terminal 110" (240 Sargent Drive). Officer Dickerson was alerted by a bouncer who ran over to him after exiting the club that there was a large fight inside the club, and they were able to kick everyone out. The bouncer informed Officer Dickerson that he was worried that the incident was going to continue outside and there would be further problems. Officer Dickerson headed toward the club entrance when he heard approximately (3) gunshots in the parking lot area.

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Shortly after the gunshots, Officer Dickerson identified a white Honda Accord fleeing the area at a high rate of speed. Officer N. Crosby, who was enroute to the gunfire, spotted a white Honda Accord fleeing onto Long Wharf Drive from the club parking area. She activated her emergency lights and siren to conduct a motor vehicle stop however, the vehicle did not stop. The Honda continued from this location for several miles, disregarding the Officer's signal, until it eventually stopped on Greenwich Avenue near Third Street. Two males exited the vehicle, and after a short foot pursuit, one of the males was apprehended. The male appeared to be suffering from a gunshot wound to his groin area. The second male was not located. The driver of the Honda remained in the vehicle and was subsequently arrested for appropriate motor vehicle charges. The gunshot victim was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital, 20 York Street Campus, where he was listed in stable condition. The victim provided Detectives with a statement about the events which occurred leading to him being shot. He stated he was at a party at Terminal 110, a fight occurred inside which spilled into the parking lot. He stated he heard gunshots and realized he was shot. He then entered his Honda, which was being driven by an unknown male and occupied by several other males not known to him. He did not recall any other details, only that he was trying to get medical attention.

The scene at 240 Sargent Drive contained (1) .380 fired cartridge casing and (1) cellular phone which were seized as evidence and an Acura SUV was struck by gunfire. The scene was processed and photographed by the NHPD's Bureau of Identification unit. Contact was made with the Manager of Terminal 110, who agreed to provide surveillance footage to Detectives the following day. Numerous other cameras were located, and Detectives will follow up to obtain video evidence. No witnesses came forward to report the incident or provide details about the shooting. This investigation is on-going. This is the second major incident this month involving gunfire.

I am requesting immediate summary suspension at 240 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT, "Terminal 110" club. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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